

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES  
Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2002  
Vietnamese Presbyterian Church  
6721 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue S  
Seattle, WA 98104**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Present:** Marc Avni, Martha Becker, Thelma Coney, Cleo Corcoran, Juanita Grant, Lee Gaylor, Randy Hayhurst, John Holecek, John Kennedy, Mae Shields, Karen Sluiter, Helen Spencer, Suzanne Wiley, Larry Verhei, Fred Yee

**Absent:** Pat Carroll, Steve Colwell

**Excused:** Gabe Cohen, Timmie Faghin, Will Parry, Greg Stack, Peter Steinbrueck, Lisa Yeager

**Guests:** Joanne Brekke, Bob Friedman, Juan Garcia, Larry Low

**STAFF:** Margaret Casey, Rosemary Cunningham, Peggy O'Brien-Murphy, Pam Piering, Allison Ruff, Lillian Tang, Karen Winston, Ken Shulman.

**Minutes**

**Karen Sluiter**, Chair, convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The minutes of August 9, 2002 were approved.

**Program:**

**Site Visit: Laotian/Hmong Nutrition Program**

**Bob Freidlander**, Director of the Pacific Asian Empowerment Program (PAEP), welcomed us to the Laotian/Hmong Nutrition Program located at the Vietnamese Presbyterian Church, where Advisory Council witnessed some delightful dances presented in beautiful ethnic costumes. Councilmembers also joined the exercise program and shared in the delicious meal that followed. The Nutrition Program is funded by Aging and Disability Services (ADS) and feeds approximately 10,000 seniors at 54 sites across King County. The 3 sites managed by PAEP serve special ethnic meals to 500 - 600 people: one site serves the Laotian/Hmong community, a second site serves Filipinos, and a third site serves a growing Polynesian population.

**Business Meeting**

**Director's Report:**

**Pam Piering** and several Councilmembers are in the process of meeting with King County Legislators to discuss budget issues and ADS priorities – specifically, they shared concerns about funding issues/cuts and discussed future possibilities. Thus far we have met with Representatives Cody, Chase, Schual-Berke, Sommers, and Kenney. All the legislators have been supportive and share ADS concerns about the lack of funds however, none could make any promises that programs would not be cut. Several more meetings will be scheduled through October.

Pam reminded Councilmembers to return the surveys that will be used for planning a statewide Advisory Council Conference. The conference will take place in the fall of 2003 (the day after the Senior Lobby Conference). Please send your completed surveys to **ADS** as soon as possible, as we need feedback on what kinds of things you would like to see happen.

**Marc Avni** gave the Nominating Committee report. The 2003 slate of officers includes **Suzanne Wiley** for Chair, **Will Parry** for Vice Chair, **John Kennedy** for Secretary, **Timmie Faghin** for Representative At-Large. Officers will serve for 1-year terms. Candidate names may be added to this slate at any meeting up to the time of elections. The election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on November 8th at New Holly Center. A new Nominating Committee for 2004 will also be chosen at the November meeting.

**Health Care:** **Martha Becker** and **Fred Yee** reported that they met with Peter Greenfield of Columbia Legal Services on the status of the COPES in-home waiver. They anticipate a follow-up at some time in the future on action that may be requested by the Advisory Council. The waiver issue is outlined in the Health Care Task Force September minutes. **Karen Sluiter** mentioned she has also met with Peter Greenfield, Rep Schual-Berke and Tony Lee (Fremont Public Association) about the COPES in-home waiver. She too, said there would be follow up by the Health Care Task Force.

**Outreach & Advocacy:** **Cleo Corcoran** gave everyone copies of the new Advisory Council brochure prepared by **Peggy O'Brien-Murphy**. The brochure describes our mission, who we are and what we do. Along with describing the work of the council, it also give meeting days, times, and location. The brochure, although "a work in progress", is being used for the current legislative visits. **Larry Verhei** said he will distribute the brochures at several Health Care Fairs in September and October. Councilmembers are encouraged to use them at other promotional events. AC business cards were also passed out to AC members.

Cleo reported that the Legislative Forum on Prescription Drugs is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at the New Holly Community Center. At this point we have 16 co-sponsors. **Larry Verhei** shared with the Council a letter he had received from Congressman Senator Adam Smith on prescription drugs.

**Planning & Allocations:** **Suzanne Wiley** reported that the Sponsors were briefed on the comments received during the public comment period regarding the 2003 preliminary discretionary allocations. The Sponsors approved the P&A committee recommendations, and want funded agencies to have sufficient notice regarding the level of cuts that may have to be made. There will be no P&A committee meeting in September. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, at 10:30 a.m.

**Helen Spencer** gave a brief report on the King County Metro Accessible Services Advisory Committee meetings that she has attended and asked if someone could take her place for the next several meeting. **John Holecek** agreed to take on the responsibility. Helen said the specialized transportation task force, composed of approximately 20 people, is developing a philosophy and working on transportation policy issues for the next 10 years. Their goals are to improve accessibility, develop resources and improve communications. **Margaret Casey** said Metro staff had high praise for the energy and skills brought to the committee by Helen. **Marc Avni** said he has nominated Helen for the AARP Andrus Award for all the tremendous work she does to improve the lives of others.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:30 PM

**Next Meeting:**

**October 11, 2002, Noon - 2:00 PM**  
**Alaska Building, 618 Second Ave**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Seattle, WA 98104**

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